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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAID, SA
SUBJECT: SAUDI ARABIAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE MULTILATERAL
DEVELOPMENT BANKS (MDBS)

REF: STATE 169815

1. SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED WITH DEPUTY FONMIN FOR ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS, ABDULLAH M. ALIREZA, WHO APPRECIATED DEPARTMENT'S
AWARENESS OF THE EXTENT OF SAUDI AID TO IDA AND AFRICA.

2. ALIREZA POINTED OUT THAT SAG MADE FIRM PLEDGE OF ONE
BILLION DOLLARS TO AFRICAN STATES AT OAU LAST YEAR. HE
ALSO NOTED EXTENSIVE BILATERAL AID (REF 77 JIDDA A-101 AND
JIDDA 4751) TO AFRICAN LDC'S ON AN INTEREST FREE BASIS. HE
OBSERVED THAT SAUDI AID WAS NOT AS HELTER-SKELTER AS RE-
PORTED IN SOME PRESS ARTICLES BUT WAS BASED ON FEASIBILITY
OF SELECTED AFRICAN PROJECTS (REF 77 JIDDA A-101, ENCLOSURE 1).

3. IN ADDITION TO DIRECT SAG AID TO ARAB AND
AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANKS, ALIREZA POINTED OUT
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SAUDI AID THROUGH THE ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT OF
AFRICA, ABEDA.

4. ALIREZA STATED THAT SAUDI ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
WOULD CONTINUE BUT LEVEL WOULD DEPEND ON MANY
FACTORS, INCLUDING THE INCREASING COSTS FOR
DOMESTIC SAUDI DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AND THE

POLITICAL EQUATION. CLOSE CONSULTATION IS
APPRECIATED BUT SAG WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE
IN ADDITIONAL LENDING CONSULTATIVE GROUPS WILL
HAVE TO BE WEIGHED ON AN AD HOC BASIS, AND
DECISIONS LEFT TO HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE SAG.
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